

# ABERHENWAUN UCHAF

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Ward: Onllwyn

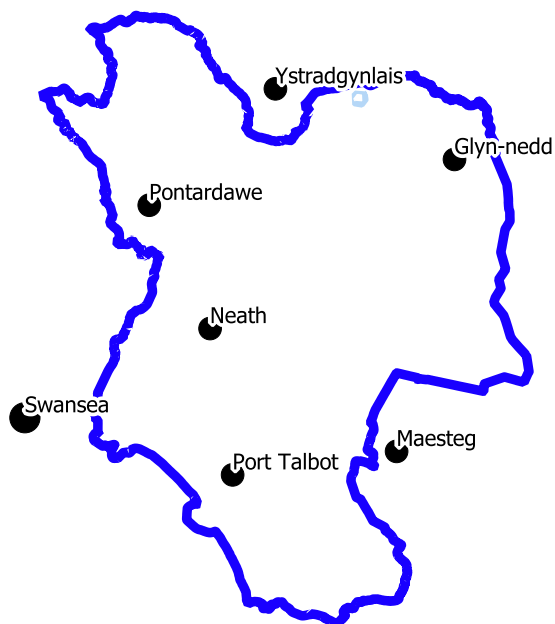
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Area (ha): 2.59

Reason for selection:

H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

A large horse grazed field split into three areas by shallow ditches. The site supports extensive marshy grassland with areas of acid grassland, semi-improved neutral grassland and scattered scrub.

## Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 9/8  
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 12/7  
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 26/12

## Important species

Species recorded: Betony, Bog asphodel, Common bird's-foot trefoil, Devil's-bit scabious, Greater bird's-foot trefoil  
Habitat suitable for: Marsh fritillary, reptiles

## Management Recommendations

Marshy grassland sites should ideally be grazed by cattle at a low density. The aim is an uneven patchwork of relatively short and longer vegetation. The application of broad-spectrum anti-parasitic drugs should be avoided as they persist in the dung and will kill dung beetles and dung fly larvae.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: HYDER Author: ER

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